

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Ushers

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church

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Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mozella Pridgen Shipman family gratefully acknowledge and appreciate all the expressions of love and kindness extended to our family. The support and out pouring love of Pastor Timothy Lance, church family and community during her illness is forever etched in our hearts. It is our prayer that God will keep and bless each and everyone of you for your many acts of kindness. We pray God continued blessings on you and ask that you to keep us in your prayers.

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A special thanks to Mrs. Melody Campbell, Owner of Carolinas Home Health Care Agency, Inc. located at 603 S Canal Street, Whiteville, NC 28472 for the outstanding services provided to our loved one over the many years.

Professional Services Entrusted and Rendered By:

Peoples Funeral Home

707 Vinson Blvd.
Whiteville, NC 28472
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Celebrating the Life, Legacy and Homegoing of

Mrs. Mozella Pridgen Shipman

Sunrise - April 28, 1928 ✝ Sunset - August 28, 2020



Saturday, September 5, 2020

Service: 11:00 A.M.

On the grounds of:
Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church
5548 Silver Spoon Road, Whiteville, NC 28472

Rev. Dr. Timothy Lance, Eulogist, Pastor

The Obituary



Mozella Pridgen Shipman was born April 28, 1928, in Whiteville, NC, to the late Obed Thomas and Mattie Goss Pridgen. Peacefully on Friday, August 28, 2020, Mozella transitioned from her earthly labor to her heavenly reward.

At an early age, Mozella was baptized and became a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her death. She graduated from Mount Olive High School and attended Fayetteville State University. She was an avid basketball player and served on the grade mother's basketball team. She was dedicated and willing to bless and serve her church, family and community.

In 1948, she married William "Skeet" Shipman, a union that lasted 61 years. To this union nine children were born.

Mozella welcomed everyone with open arms. Every person that stopped by to visit never forgot her love, kindness and welcoming spirit that made them feel at home. She stated, "her home was the house beside the road which was a friend to everyone."

She was a wonderful mother and an extraordinary woman who loved the Lord and unconditionally cared for her children, family members and friends. She had a spirit that always saw the best in everyone, and she always tried to help others. Mozella was a mother to many; she made others smile and laugh about many things in life. She was a beacon of light to her family and community and reminded us that everyone must give an account for what they do.

In addition to her parents, Mozella was preceded in death by her husband, William "Skeet" Shipman; two sisters - Helen Pridgen Wooten and Mary Pridgen Williams; seven brothers - Clyde, James, John, Richard, Pertis, Walter Lee, and Thurston Pridgen. She leaves to cherish her memory seven daughters - Eunice Shipman Campbell (Carlton) of Whiteville, NC; Burma Shipman of Greensboro, NC; Lynette Johnson (Billy Joe) of Clarkton, NC; Mary Shipman-Lindsey (Rick) of Kernersville, NC; Helen Nesmith (LaVaughn) of Riegelwood, NC; Sheryl Nixon and Patricia Hines of Whiteville, NC; two sons - Delmas Shipman (Karen) of Chadbourn, NC, and Lawrence Shipman of Harwood, MD; one adopted daughter - Phyllis Haynes (Kenneth) of Fayetteville, NC; four sisters - Annie Catherine Pridgen of Fort Washington, MD; Geraldine Pridgen Boykin of Washington, DC; Barbara Brown (Clifton) of Landover, MD; and Linda Pridgen-Bluford of Staunton, VA; two sisters-in-law - Minnie Shipman of Whiteville, NC and Juanita Lewis of New Castle, DE; 21 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, other relatives and friends; a special friend Mrs. Lillie Mae Williams; including her loving and dedicated caregivers - Mrs. Shirley Williams Battle, Mrs. Virginia Graham, Mrs. Frances Melvin, Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, Ms. Santana Mitchell and others.

Order of Service

Pastor George D. Carlisle, Presiding
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
Gainesville, VA

Processional

Scriptures

Old TestamentElder LaVaughn Nesmith

New Testament..... Minister Roosevelt Pridgen

Prayer of Comfort Minister Algernon McKenzie
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church

Selections Mr. Ricky Waddell

Remarks:

Church and Community..... Deacon Clarence H. Williams

Family.....Mrs. Eunice Shipman Campbell

Acknowledgments/ObituaryMrs. Harlene Walters

Musical Tribute Mr. Brandon "BJ" Campbell

SelectionMr. Collis Graham

EulogyRev. Dr. Timothy A. Lance, Pastor
Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional

Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning
That God was going to call your name.
In Life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide:
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.*

*Our Family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one
The Chain will
Link Again.
Family*



Tributes

Mother

Mother is word not easily defined.
Especially when you had one as wonderful and kind as mine.
Genuine, Respectful, Admirable just to name a few.
Noble, Dedicated, Modest too.
Outspoken and Truthful
for that Mother we are truly grateful.
Humble and Energetic without you Mother
We could not have made it.
A family can survive anything as long
as the foundation is Godly, Righteous and Strong.
Do the right thing is what Mother always tried to teach us.
Through it all you manage to raise a strong beautiful family.
With everything you instilled in us,
We will surely carry on the legacy.

*With Lots of Love,
Helen "Dusty" Shipman Nesmith*

Mama's Baby

In my heart you will always be with me, mind, body and soul.
I will always be your baby even when I'm old.
I will never forget my mama even though physically she's not here.
In my heart there will always be spot for me to keep her near.
I feel so privileged to be known as mama's Baby.
That is one thing that can never be taken from me.
But with God on my side he will help me make it through.
I love you mama and will miss you so much.

Patricia Shipman Hines

A Real Queen Mother – Our Grandmother – A Pridgen Matriarch

God, we thank you for allowing our grandmother to share 92 years of her life with us. Thank you for loving her, protecting her and keeping your angels around her all the days of her life. We can only pray we live to leave such a legacy as she has.

Her home was a place for many and even some she didn't know, but her love for God outweighed any judgement or shame and all of our lives will never be the same.

Our grandmother was God fearing, beautiful, kind, sophisticated, classy, intelligent, witty, humorous, loving, devoted, fearless, genuine, and generous just to name a few and what makes it great everyone around her also knew. Grandma take your position because you have earned your WINGS by always believing in Jesus Name! God knows we are going to miss you and we THANK GOD for the example you were to us and the world that knew you!

We Will Always Love You, Your Grandchildren



Tributes

A Legacy of Love and Kindness



A wife, a mother, a sister, a friend, a grandma, and a great grandma too.

This is the legacy we have from you.
You taught us to love and how to fight,
you gave us strength; you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
and in your heart, you were always kind.

You cared, prayed and fought for us all in one way or another,
as a true Woman of God not just as mother.

For all of us you shared and always gave your best.
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So, you left peacefully, you've earned your sleep.
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.

We always knew you loved us and we tried our best
to love you back in so many ways.
Because you were always "Our Mom" the greatest God-fearing mother on earth.
You raised us well, now it's up to us to walk out
this life and allow God to do the rest.
So today we celebrate your life, love, and how you given
so much to so many.

Tributes

Excerpts from Sisters

Geraldine Pridgen Boykin, Author

Is it a Person who looks like me?
Or is it someone who understands
Someone who is supportive and never demands.

What is a Sister and who is she?
Someone who is busy with her daily life
But not too busy to listen to another strife.
Someone whom you can trust when life
Burdens you down. Someone who supports you
When you are not even around.

Someone who appreciates your experience and knowledge.
Someone who will not disparage you because you didn't go to college.
Someone who will share your happiness and sorrow.
Someone who will help you face tomorrow.

Someone who is never envious of you, but someone who cares enough to see you through.
Someone who will help you achieve success
A true sister is happy when you have done your best.

A sister never gives out or up when others push you aside.
A sister will be there to give you strength and some additional pride.
It's good to have a sister-one that you can trust.

